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Sirs:

Applicant, by and through its attorneys of record, respectfully request a report as to the status of the above-noted patent application.

The Issue Fee was paid on December 2, 2004 and the formal drawings filed on September 14, 2000 were accepted by the Examiner. As of the date of this letter, the "Issue Notification" has not been received.

Applicant has checked the United States Patent and Trademark Office website, and it does not indicate an issue date and a patent number.

Applicant requests an estimate as to when it might be expected an issue date and a patent number for this matter.

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